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For : INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD FOR MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of June 14, 2005, in which a three month shortened statutory period was set to expire on September 14, 2005, and which will be extended by one month, to expire on October 16, 2006 (October 14, 2006 being a Saturday), upon granting the Request for Extension of Time for one month, which accompanies this Request for Continued Examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this Reply.